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**(U) CALIFORNIA****(U) San Diego – 81-Year-Old Woman Caught Smuggling Heroin Across US-Mexico Border**

(U) Authorities seized 92 pounds of heroin valued at more than \$870,000 from an 81-year-old woman attempting to smuggle the narcotics across the US-Mexico border. While screening vehicles at the Tecate port of entry, a US Customs and Border Protection detector dog alerted officers to the driver-side rocker panel of the 2011 Chrysler 200 that the elderly American citizen was driving. CBP officers referred the vehicle for a more in-depth inspection, during which they discovered and extracted a total of 34 wrapped packages of heroin from the vehicle's rocker panels. The driver was arrested and turned over to Homeland Security Investigations agents for further processing. CBP officers seized the vehicle.

SOURCE: 9 August 2018, [ABC 7](#)

**(U) NATIONAL****(U) Massachusetts – Man Arrested for Solicitation of Killing ICE Agents**

(U) Cambridge – Brandon James Ziobrowski, 33, was arrested yesterday morning for allegedly tweeting an offer to pay \$500 to anyone who murdered an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent. Ziobrowski now faces a federal criminal threat charge, part of what the US attorney for Massachusetts called a rising tide of threats issued under the guise of political debate. That tweet got the attention of the US Department of Homeland Security's Current and Emerging Threats Center in Washington D.C., the indictment said. Authorities tracked the Twitter account to Ziobrowski and learned that his postings had become increasingly violent, according to court records.

SOURCE: 9 August 2018, [Boston Globe](#)

**(U) Minnesota – Sophisticated Online Assaults Target Emails**

(U) Hennepin and Ramsey Counties – Two counties are investigating cyberattacks that have targeted employee emails. Hennepin County announced yesterday that 20 employees became victims of a sophisticated phishing scam. The cyberattacks gained access to employee email accounts with credentials garnered through phishing emails that began arriving at the end of June 2018. The email cyberattack appears very similar to one experienced in Ramsey County. Yesterday afternoon, county officials implemented security measures for all employee accounts following detected suspicious activity in its network. Vendors who do business with the counties were notified and the matter has been turned over to the FBI for investigation.

SOURCE: 9 August 2018, [Pioneer Press](#)

**(U) New York – 22 Arrested in Major Drug Bust**

(U) Queens – A near yearlong investigation surrounding New York City's largest public housing development ended in a massive drug bust with nearly two dozen arrests. Cops arrested 22 people on drug sale and weapon possession charges. The suspects were allegedly caught selling heroin, cocaine and marijuana in an 11-month investigation where undercover officers tailed their movement and posed as drug customers. The takedown was a joint effort between narcotics investigators with the NYPD and Queens District Attorney.

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SOURCE: 9 August 2018, [Astoria Patch](#)

**(U) South Carolina – Man Pleads Guilty To Supporting ISIS**

(U) Charleston – A teen whose case prompted local law enforcement officials to attempt to change a law pleaded guilty in federal court to assisting the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). Zakaryia Abdin, 19, faces up to 20-years in prison following a string of arrests that began when with an anonymous tip in 2014. Police found ISIS flags and other items in his home but could not prosecute him in local or state courts. Instead, Abdin was charged as a minor in possession of a handgun in the local court, with the understanding that the FBI would eventually file for terrorism charges at the federal level. The FBI spent the next three years collecting evidence to file those charges. In those three years, Abdin allegedly attempted to plot a terror attack in the Carolinas and planned to kill US troops. In 2017, Abdin was found in an airport with a ticket to the Middle East, attempting to join ISIS in person.

SOURCE: 9 August 2018, [Newsweek](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Afghanistan – Taliban Kill 14 Police in Assault to Take City**

(U) Ghazni – The Taliban launched an attack in attempts to overrun a provincial capital in Afghanistan, hiding inside people's homes before slipping into city streets overnight and setting off daylong clashes with US-backed Afghan forces trying to push them back. At least 14 Afghan policemen were killed and 20 were wounded in the assault. The attack first began around 2 a.m. with intense gun battles raging and fires burning in several shops in the city's residential areas. Fighting continued throughout the day and by mid-afternoon, the Taliban had set the local TV building on fire. Taliban fighters also destroyed the telecommunications tower, located just outside the city, cutting all cellphone and landline access the city.

SOURCE: 10 August 2018, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Canada – 2 Police Officers among 4 Killed in Canada Shooting; Suspect in Custody**

(U) Fredericton – A suspect is in custody after two police officers were among four people killed in a shooting in New Brunswick. Police say the situation has been contained and the investigation is ongoing. The shooting occurred in an area of the city of about 60,000 people. Authorities are asking that people continue to avoid the area. and follow the instructions of law enforcement officials working in the area.

SOURCE: 10 August 2018, [CNN](#)

**(U) Nigeria – Suspected Boko Haram Militants Kill at Least 15**

(U) Maiduguri – At least 15 soldiers and an official from Nigeria's disaster agency were killed in an ambush by suspected Boko Haram militants in the northeast of the country, security sources said yesterday. The ambush occurred in the northern Damasak area of Borno, the state worst hit by the jihadist group. The deaths come after 20 Nigerian soldiers went missing in July 2018 following a clash with militants in the Bama area of Borno. Military sources say the troops are feared dead. Boko Haram had held territory around the size of Belgium in northeast Nigeria for several months until being pushed off much of that land in early 2015 by Nigeria's army and soldiers from neighboring countries.

SOURCE: 9 August 2018, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Venezuela – Government Seeks US Extradition of Alleged Drone Attack Mastermind**

(U) Caracas – The Venezuelan government is seeking the extradition of one of its citizens living in the US whom it accuses of masterminding the alleged drone attack against President Nicolas Maduro. Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza told reporters he'd reached out to the US embassy in Caracas to help obtain the extradition of Osman Delgado Tabosky, who lives in Miami, Florida. Maduro, who was unharmed when a

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drone purportedly carrying explosives went off in front of him while he spoke at a military ceremony in Caracas, has accused Tabosky of financing the alleged attack. Six people have been arrested on charges of being the executors of the alleged attack – including two opposition lawmakers. Investigators have linked a total of 19 people to the attack.

SOURCE: 9 August 2018, [FOX News](#)

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